

SWISS FESTIVALS FEATURE SPORT

Honor Columbus On 500th Birthday

Italy is one of the few nations which this year are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Christopher Columbus with a stamp or stamps.



The Italian contribution is in the form of a 20 Lire bluish green item picturing members of the Columbus' entourage erecting a crude cross on the shores of the New World.

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City, the commem was released on May 5.

The design was adapted from a well known painting by Giovan Carloni which now hangs in the Doges Chapel in the Ducal Palace.

Also reported by Lo Bianco is the impending issuance of a set of three stamps with a sport theme to publicize the Olympic Games held in Florence. In bicolor the design has the Flag of the City of Florence, the Coat of Arms of the Medici, and various pieces of sport equipment.

Denominations are to be 5, 10 and 15 Lire.

Italy will soon produce three commemoratives to honor the composer Verdi, one of its native sons. Denominations were not revealed but the designs will show Verdi at Roncole at the beginning of his career; at Parma where he had his first great success; and finally at Milan at the peak of his efforts.

All the above stamps will be overprinted with "F.T.T." for use in the Free Territory of Trieste. Italy will soon release an air letter but other than this bare announcement by the postal officials nothing else was mentioned.

Color Change For 2½d Australian Regular

In the next few weeks Australia will change the color of the current 2½d stamp which pictures King George VI. It now appears in red.

Purpose of the change is to avoid confusion in the post offices. Since the 3d stamp is now being printed in red it was difficult for the clerks to distinguish between the two.

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APPEALING MINIATURE WORKS OF ART are these five semi-postal stamps which Holland released on May 1. Each stamp depicts an ancient castle of that country. Known as the Summer Charity issue, funds derived from the sale of these stamps will be channeled to various cultural, social and medical purposes. Denominations and colors are 2c plus 2c violet; 6c plus 3c red; 10c plus 5c green and 20c plus 5c blue. Sale of the stamps will end on July 15 but their validity to pay postage fees will remain until January 1, 1953.

Netherlands Summer Charity Issue To Feature Five Ancient Castles; First Day Of Issue On May 15

Collectors of the stamps of the Netherlands, and those others partial to well designed and engraved issues, will certainly look forward to the five semi-postal stamps to be released by that nation on May 15. Featured in the design will be five of the ancient castles of Holland, Hillenraad near Swalmen; Bergh in 's-Heerenberg; Hernen near Bergharen; Rechteren near Dalfsen and Moermond near Renesse. To be produced from steel engraved plates, a preview of the designs shown elsewhere on this page, give every indication that the stamps can be considered miniature works of art.

Denominations, colors and designs are 2c plus 2c violet, Hillenraad Castle; 6c plus 3c red Bergh Castle; 10c plus 5c dark brown, Hernen Castle; 10c plus 5c green, Rechteren Castle; and 25c plus 5c blue, Moermond Castle.

Approximately 7/8" wide by 1 1/8" high, the stamps will be printed in panes of 100 (10 x 10) on unwatermarked paper, comb perforated 12½ x 12.

While the stamps will remain on sale but two months, from May 15 to July 15, they will be valid for the payment of postage fees until January 1, 1953.

The above described set is known as the Summer Charity issue to distinguish it from another set of semi-postals issued later in the year devoted strictly to various children's charities. These Summer Charities have been issued since 1935 with the exception of the years 1942 to 1946 when the country was under German occupation, and recuperating from the effects of World War II.

Half of the funds derived from the surtax on each stamp are devoted to cultural purposes such as commissions to artists, subventions to orchestras and similar enterprises. The remaining half is used for medical and social purposes such as, sustaining the fight against cancer, tuberculosis and Rheumatism.

In 1950, 3,907,251 of the Summer semi-postals were sold with

a resultant fund of \$38,356.93. Remainders of the issues were destroyed immediately after the last day of the sale.

Texans Offer Cachet For Fireman's Rodeo

When the Firemen have their annual Rodeo at Bay City, Texas the Bay City Stamp Club is going to sponsor a cachet for each of the three days of this "man, horse and cow roughhouse."

The dates are June 7, 8 and 9. Each day, the club will produce a different cachet in a different color—that makes three covers to the set.

One cover cancelled on any one day of the show will cost six cents, a set containing the three different comes at eighteen cents. There is no limit to the quantity of covers which can be ordered.

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1951 Edition Of Federal Festival Semipostals Shows National Games, Zurich Arms; First Day On June 1

Switzerland's Federal Festival semipostals for 1951 will continue and finish the national sports theme which was begun with the 1950 edition of the same series. Like last year's, the new set will have five stamps, four of them portraying sports, and the fifth a coat of arms. The first day of issue will be June 1 with their sale continuing at all post offices until August 5, and the Swiss Philatelic Agency until August 20. They will have a validity for postage fees for six months the last day being November 30, 1951. Proceeds from the surtax amounting to 90% will be distributed through three organizations for the benefit of needy mothers.

These are the Union of Swiss Women Association, the Swiss Women Society for Public Utility, and the Swiss Catholic League of Women.

red in the process of putting a blast to the breezes.

The Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bollwerk 8,



Berne, Switzerland will prepare first day covers, and will also have the stamp for sale at face value plus return postage. Cost of one set amounts 1.50 Francs. There are approximately four Swiss Francs to one United States dollar.

The Swiss Agency has a list of stamps which are for sale at face value as well as a brochure describing the services to collectors, free on request.

Cachet Propaganda For Flower Stamp

The United States Flower Postage Stamp Committee is sponsoring a cacheted envelope available from Jacksonville, Fla. until June 15. First day of issue of the cachet was on May 1 on which date covers were cancelled at Christmas, Florida.

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Special cachet will be provided for Great Bend and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

Effective on or about May 15, 1951, air mail service will be inaugurated at Borger, Tex., over feeder route A. M. 81.

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First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmasters at Great Bend and Borger must be prepaid at the appropriate air-mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return-reply purposes are not acceptable as first flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

No provision will be made for point-to-point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Pursuant to Order E-5328 issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board effective April 25, 1951, authorizing Trans-Pacific Airways to engage in the transportation of mail on route A. M. 99, mail service will be designated on this route effective May 15, 1951.

This route will operate as follows: Between the terminal point Honolulu, Oahu; the intermediate points Hoolehua, Molokai; Lanai City, Lanai; Maalaea, Maui; Upolu Point, Hawaii; Kailua, Hawaii; and the terminal point Hilo, Hawaii. Between the terminal point Honolulu, Oahu; and the terminal point island of Kauai.

Inasmuch as these offices are presently served by route A. M. 33, no official cachets will be provided for the inauguration of this service.

Magazine Makes
Philatelic Blunder

Leave it to the lay press to get all flubbed up when it comes to writing anything about stamps and stamp collectors. Latest bit of "thrilling" misinformation was produced by "OmniBook" which sent out the following as advance publicity for an article which was to be contained in the next number. It reads:

"The greatest stamp collector of all time was Maria, Duchess of Balliera (sic). She began collecting stamps in 1861 and spent an average of \$10,000 a week for 1400 weeks. Omnibook magazine reveals that during the First World War, the French Government seized the collection and sold it.... for \$2,000,000, hardly one seventh of what the Duchess invested in her hobby."

Even amateurs will recognize the blatant errors. In the first place the mother of Ferrari was Galliera; she had little to do with the collection, and while the Count sometimes spent that much, it is also known that he did not spend that much on an average.

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June 6 is the day celebrated annually as the Day of the Swedish Flag.

King Gustaf VI Adolf assumed the kingship but several months ago following the death of his popular father, King Gustaf V.

The portrait of the king was drawn by artist David Tagholm specially commissioned for the task. The winner of the prize for the general design of the stamp was Mark Sylwan.

The stamps are to appear in both coil and booklet form, with five denominations at this time. Printing will be the work of the Post Office Printery at Stockholm.

Denominations, colors, and categories of the coil stamps are as follows. Coils will be issued containing 100, 500 and 1000 each perforated 12 3/4 vertically.

10 ore green, the printed matter basic rate.

15 ore, the color not yet decided; it is the domestic post card rate unless the Riksdag (Congress) decides on an increase.

20 ore red, the foreign post card rate.

25 ore gray, the new domestic simple letter rate expected to become law by action in the Riksdag shortly.

30 ore blue, the foreign simple letter rate.

Two values have been assigned to be produced in Booklet form. They are the 10c green and the 25c gray.



Reproduced herewith is the 1951 Annual Flag Day Seal. This series was pictured and explained in a recent "Collecting Charity Seals" column which appears in Linn's at regular intervals.

Three colors were used. The flag has a yellow cross and a blue field, the farmer sowing seed in the field is in a golden brown while the lettering is in blue with the exception of "Den 6 Juni" which is in brown.

These seals are not postage stamps and have no franking value, but they are sold for a nominal price such as the Christmas and Easter seals.

Swedish philatelists are, to put it diplomatically, very discouraged and put out by the latest brain storm of their Post Office Department. It seems that the new regular series described above will only be cancelled on the first day of issue if they are affixed to a specially prepared first day cover.

This is the first time that the Swedish POD has broken with a traditional philatelicly correct handling of new issues and first

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day covers thereof.

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While most collectors are in sympathy with the work of the Association, they see no reason why they through the cacheted covers should bear the brunt of the campaign for operating funds.

Should any readers care for a first day cover of the new series bearing the nine stamps (includes the perf varieties), I will attempt to get them at a cost of 85c each. You can send dollar bills—I will refund the 15c in mint U. S. stamps.

Club Elects First
Permanent Officers

The temporary officers which have been serving the Fairfield County Philatelic Club of Lancaster, Ohio have been replaced by those of a permanent nature at a recent election. The new president and secretary had previously served in a temporary capacity.

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Why Count Sheep

A part of a letter from Mr. William W. Devine of Bellerose, New York fits in so well with a recent editorial of mine that I am going to quote a good part of that letter and believe you will enjoy it. I spoke of taking our stamp collections to bed with us and it seems that is just what Mr. Devine has been doing. Maybe it is a new thought that will benefit all of us. After telling us how much he likes our paper we find the following.



GEO. W. LINN

"But to get down to the reason for writing you this letter Mr. Linn, I would like to comment on your editorial in your issue of 'LINN'S' of April 23rd where you state that you wish and 'how wonderful it would be if we could only take our hobby to bed with us at night,' unquote. Well, I do just that Mr. Linn, I take my stamp collection to bed with me almost every night, mentally, of course, and find it more pleasing than to count sheep to get to sleep after a trying day at the office. Of course we can count sheep, as the saying goes, but why count sheep when one can count how many more stamps he would need to complete a certain page or topic. I really mean it when I say that there are times that things don't go just the way we would want them to during the course of a busy day, and it leaves one un-nerved and upset, well the best thing to do is to get into bed and rest, but who can lie there and rest with a troubled mind, so, we think of the stamps we bought during the day, or the stamps we need to complete a set, and before you know it you are fast asleep. This, Mr. Linn, is not a fairy tale but an honest to goodness fact on how to get to sleep without meditation. I have been doing this for some time and am sure that anyone that is a stamp collector will find it soothing and a simple way to roll off into slumberland without the use of drugs."

"Of course your editorials are the best, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the fine work you are doing, but if you want to help your brother, and sister, collectors get a good nights sleep, inform them of this system and see if you won't be thanked by lots more than just me. Let them take their stamp collection to bed (mentally) and see if they do obtain some added pleasures."

More About Mr. Plumley

There are always two or more sides to everything it seems and we are now getting the other side of the Plumley matter. In the first place we have nothing against Mr. Plumley. (Note we do not say Congressman Plumley for we now learn that his term in Congress terminated January 3, 1951.)

Our object in printing the letter and the information we gave was to point out with actual evidence just one of the thousands of things that are helping to make a tremendous deficit in the P. O. Department and due to which the Department is constantly trying to raise postal rates beyond reason. Our mail now brings us letters from many other sources pointing out many other things that help cause this deficit, most of which we are well aware of. The point is that the whole system is wrong and like any Governmental system that thrives and lives and sucks the public dry it is almost impossible to eliminate such systems because those that thrive off of the systems are the ones who would have to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs for themselves and they just won't do it. Seems what we need most now is an investigation by the public of both Congress and the Government.

Mr. Hoover was invited to make such an investigation some time ago but he had no power to put his findings into effect and as a result most of them will be kicked down the drain.

Information from Washington, from an unquestionable source, states that Mr. Plumley is a very nice old gentleman, that he has always been a friend of stamp collectors. And as we have said, we have nothing against Mr. Plumley, but just used this letter because it fitted into a Philatelic publication.

We have a telegram from Mr. Plumley in which he is quite irate but makes no threats because that would be foolish as we have the evidence. However in his defense he points out that "three things might have happened, namely envelope and possible others enclosing circular might have accidentally been included in bundle of outgoing official mail or was stamped and stamp became detached enroute or accidentally was mailed without a stamp."

It is of course possible that the envelope and circular may have been accidentally placed in outgoing official mail. But how does a retired Congressman have official mail? He is entitled to the Free Franking privilege for six months after retirement, but Free Franking certainly does not permit this kind of mailing, or does it? The envelope shows that it was not stamped and that the stamp did not fall off in transit. If it was ever stamped the stamp fell off before it got to the post office. It of course could have been mailed without a stamp which is the fact, but that may not have been intentional on the part of Mr. Plumley. Anyhow we have heard from other collectors who got similar letters without a stamp and so must believe that Mr. Plumley just did not use stamps.

A letter from Brattleboro, Vt. and from a lady too, says "The 17 year vacation Mr. Plumley speaks about was spent in Washington 'representing' us." Also "he is out at last." Other letters from Vermont contain numerous interesting remarks, but as we have said, the evidence speaks for itself and we have nothing against Mr. Plumley, but the letter, being tied in with our hobby fitted well in our columns. Only by an uprising of the public can the ills that infest so many of our Government Departments and agencies be eliminated.

Hand Painted Cover From Hawaii

Elsewhere in this issue I am offering those of our readers who will want a souvenir of our trip to Hawaii, an opportunity to get a Hand Painted Cover by Air Mail from Hawaii. These will be handsome souvenirs and we only regret that we have to put a price on

them. This is necessary however to keep the volume down as even now we wonder if in making this offer we might be swamped with a lot of work that might interfere with a happy vacation. However we have planned things in such manner that we believe we can have the work done before we start away from here and that is the reason for our time limit on orders. We just have to stick to that, so do not expect your order to be filled unless it reaches us by the date mentioned in the offer.

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Linn's Aids Kiwanis Underprivileged Fund

Linn's Weekly Stamp News has received a letter of thanks from the Kiwanis Club of Peekskill, N.Y. for the help that this publication gave its Underprivileged Children's Fund two months ago when Linn's called attention to the club's use of postage stamps in order to help towards summer vacations in the country for poor children from Peekskill who could not afford them.

The secretary of the club, Raymond Priestly, has advised that fifty-six readers of this publication took advantage of the offer. While most of these ordered one pound each, several ordered two pounds, and one subscriber ordered five pounds. In addition, four readers doubled their remittance, sending in two dollars, with the suggestion that the extra dollar be added to the fund. Two collectors asked that the stamps be forwarded to the nearest Veterans' Hospital, something that the Club was happy to do, there being two particularly large Veterans' Hospitals in the Peekskill area.

In all, almost \$75 was raised for the fund, a sum which will bring the pleasures of the country this summer for a week or more to a half dozen youngsters. And all this was done simply through the sale of a commodity which most business men, ignorant of the value of stamps, daily consign to waste baskets! As far as member of the Peekskill Kiwanis Club is concerned, their eyes have been opened not only as regards the power of the postage stamp, but at the size of the heart of Linn's readers.

In thanking this publication, Mr. Priestly stated that the Club still has on hand for sale about twenty pounds of this United States mixture, all brought in by members from their daily mail, and unpicked in any way.

Any who ordered before are welcome to reorder, if they wish, and the club would welcome orders from any other readers who may have intended to, but did not. Every cent received is used for the Underprivileged Fund.

The price of the mixture is \$1 per pound, postpaid. Orders should be addressed simply Kiwanis Club, Peekskill, New York.

McClellan Heads Shreveport Club

Aubrey L. McClellan who served the Shreveport, La. Stamp Club as its secretary-treasurer for several years has recently been elected to the presidency of the group.

Other officers are vice president Dr. H. W. Boggs and A. H. McDonald, secretary-treasurer.

Philatelic Foundation Reveals Committee

In its sixth year of service to philately, the Expert Committee of The Philatelic Foundation has examined more than 3000 stamps and covers and has attested to the authenticity of more than 1500, it was announced by Theodore E. Steinway, Chairman of the Committee, at the annual meeting of the Foundation's trustees, April 23 at the Collectors Club, New York City.

Reliance on the Committee as a source of authentication of rare postal materials has increased steadily during the past year, and the rate of progress compares favorably with that of the famed Royal Philatelic Society of London. Pointing out that the British authority was established in April 1894, whereas the Foundation's Committee was established in October 1945, Mr. Steinway noted that the latter's 3000 specimens reviewed in five and one-half years represents a far more rapid rate of increase than the Royal's total of 35,000 in 67 years.

The Foundation, a non-profit educational institution for the dissemination of philatelic knowledge, will extend and expand its activities in the coming year. Among the aspects of its enlarged program will be the sponsorship of a new course on philately to be given at Columbia University. Winthrop S. Boggs, Director of the Foundation, will act as lecturer.

At the trustees' meeting, six of the Foundation's 19 trustees were reelected to serve until the spring of 1954. They were: Henry E. Abt, United States Locals specialist; Richard S. Bohn, air mail specialist and president of the Collectors Club; George R. M. Ewing, Bureau Issues specialist; Robert L. Graham, Jr., specialist in the stamps of 20th century Spain; Malcolm Johnson, China specialist; and Oscar R. Lichtenstein, air mail specialist.

Officers of the Foundation reelected at the meeting were chairman of the board of trustees, John H. Hall, specialist in early Spain and the classic issues of Chile (1853-1865); vice chairman, Mrs. John Denny Dale, a British Empire specialist; treasurer, Mr. Steinway; assistant treasurer, John R. Boker, Jr., specialist in precancels, United States Locals and Old German States; secretary, Henry M. Goodkind, editor of the Collectors Club "Philatelist," and assistant secretary, Mr. Boggs.

Mr. Hall also announced the recent election to the Board of Trustees of Mr. Edgar B. Jessup, a California specialist.

Wants To Hear From Zepp Mail Specialists

Among the thousands of collectors who specialize in airmail stamps there are many who devote a great deal of their philatelic time to Zeppelin mail items. It is these Zepp fans that Joseph F. Bush, P.O. Box 870, Williamstown, Mass., would like to hear from with the thought in mind of organizing a club.

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Here is shown a sketch of the Sphinx of Egypt as it appeared in the year 1842. A fair estimate of the size of the head can be gotten by a comparison with the camel in the foreground. It is thought that the sand which covers the body accumulated from the year 641 when the Arabs conquered Egypt. Inasmuch as they had a religious abhorrence of images their disinterest in the Sphinx can be understood. This same attitude would account for the damage to the face of the monument inflicted by arrows and bullets. The sand covering the body of the statue is probably a 1200 year accumulation, from 641 to 1842.

THE SPHINX

An Ancient Monument

by J. F. McGee

A recent news dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, informed the world that the Sphinx was to be repaired for the first time since 50 A. D. Of course it refers to the largest and best-known Sphinx of antiquity, the Sphinx of Ghizeh.

The Sphinx, together with a pyramid, was the subject of Egyptian postage stamps for forty-seven years. And back in those days when the majority of the stamps of the world portrayed the heads of rulers, statesmen and generals, the sphinx stamps of Egypt were tops with all juvenile collectors.

Note, the news dispatch says to be repaired, and not restored. And I doubt that a piece of sculpture exists that shows the appearance of the head of the Sphinx when it was completed about five thousand years ago. The artist who designed the Egyptian stamps of 1879, reconstructed the head of the Sphinx in his drawing according to his own conception. He gave it feminine features and added a head-dress that extends down each side of the head and in front of the shoulders.

(It was the Greek sphinxes that had the head and breasts of a woman, and wings. Those of Egypt had the body of a recumbent lion with the head of a man, ram or hawk.)

The Ghizeh Pyramids

The Sphinx in question belongs to the Ghizeh group of pyramids, hence the name. This group is located across the Nile River and west of Cairo, and north of the site of the once great city of Memphis. It is located on a natural limestone plateau about four miles from the river and a hundred and fifty feet above the Nile valley. To the west is the vast Libyan Desert.



The Sphinx and Cephrenes Pyramid. These pyramids represent the oldest man-made monuments in the world. There are nine of them in the group. The biggest of them is that of Cephrenes, which is the largest of all these structures, its base covering an area larger than that of a city block. The second in size is that of Cephrenes, and the third of My-

cerinus. The other six are tiny in comparison.

The Sphinx was carved out of a hill of yellow limestone. It is located about 450 feet in front of the second pyramid, the Cephrenes, and faces towards what was then the capital of Egypt, Memphis. The city has now vanished, it having been a quarry for Cairo.

The Sphinx and the Pyramid of Cephrenes are the subject of the second Egyptian postage stamps, the 1867 set. The Cephrenes was replaced in the 1872 issue by the great Pyramid of Cheops. This type of subject continued to be used on all the postage stamps down to the pictorial set of 1914. You can observe that the Cheops is to the rear and left of the Sphinx, its correct position.

I have never been to Egypt. Most of my information on the Sphinx and the pyramids was obtained from the two-volume



The Sphinx and Pyramid of Cheops.

work of the Rev. John P. Durbin's "Observations in the (Near) East." He visited the country in 1842. His first volume contains a diagram of the site of Ghizeh pyramids. There is also a full-page sketch of the Sphinx as it appeared when he saw it. At that time the sands of the Libyan Desert had covered, and protected, it up to its neck.

The sand was removed a few years later. It was a big job with

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the primitive means available, and required three months of work with the help of a hundred Arab laborers. When completely uncovered, it was found that the huge front paws extended fifty feet forward from the body. Between them was a large block of granite, sculptured in bas-relief and hieroglyphics. There was also a small temple. In front of it was a small carved lion, also recumbent, with gaze fixed on the Sphinx.

"Cleopatra's Needles"

Now back to the design of the 1867 stamps. In the right frame is depicted one of the so-called "Cleopatra's Needles". Durbin inspected the ruins of the ancient city of Alexandria. (The new and now modern town was built several miles north of the old site). When he saw the "Needles" one of them was prone and half buried in the earth. An old legend placed the pair before the entrance of the queen's palace. It is now known the obelisks originally had stood before the Temple of the Sun in Heliopolis and were brought to Alexandria by the Romans to adorn the grounds of the Temple of Caesar, which was after Cleo's time.

If I remember the story correctly, there was a revolt in Egypt in the 1870's. American and British marines were landed at Alexandria to protect foreign property and to maintain order. The then khedive, in gratitude presented one of the "Needles" to the U. S. and the other to Britain. The British picked up their gift first, and it was said they took the one that had fallen, which was also the smallest. One of the Vanderbilts paid the cost of a huge iron cylinder, in which the American obelisk was placed. It was then towed to New York, where it arrived in 1880.

"Pompey's Pillar"

The shaft in the left frame of the 1867 stamps is also erroneously named. It is known as "Pompey's Pillar." Durbin examined it. He wrote that it was constructed of material taken from earlier monuments, and that the inscription on its base revealed it was erected in honor of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. (284-313). Pompey's name is associated with Alexandria in that he was assassinated there in 48 B. C. He had lost a battle in Greece to Caesar, his former father-in-law. He fled to Alexandria, probably to seek the protection of Cleopatra. But he was slain by one of his own officers as he stepped ashore from his ship.

I believe a few paragraphs about the Rev. John P. Durbin would interest many of the readers. He was born in Kentucky in 1800, and was a clergyman and author. At one time he was chaplain to the U. S. Senate, editor of the "Christian Advocate," and later president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Accompanied by three young companions, he undertook a trip, mostly overland, through the Near East, from Alexandria to Constantinople. His first object was to retrace the route of the Flight of the Children of Israel from Egypt. The second was to visit the cities of the seven ancient Apocalyptic Churches of Asia, Ephesus, Philadelphia, Laodice and the others. He found practically all of the cities in utter desolation, inhabited only by storks, wild animals and nomads.

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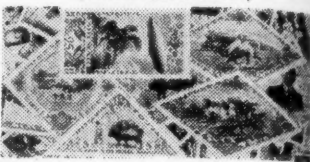
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CANADA—Postmaster General G. Edouard Rinfret has made available photographs of four stamps to commemorate the centennial of the transfer of the administration of the postal service to British North America. All will appear Sept. 24, coinciding with the holding of the Capex show in Toronto.

One of the stamps will be a 15c denomination, bearing as its central motif a miniature reproduction of the original "Three Penny Beaver." The original stamp reproduced on this 15c denomination was designed by Sir Sandford Fleming, and will mark the first occasion that the Post Office Dept. has issued a postage stamp of the 15c denomination since 1908. The color will be the shade of red that approximates the first color used on the original stamp.

The three other stamps will display contrasts in the means of transportation used to convey the mails in 1851 and today. The 4c black, will show an old-fashioned wood-burning steam engine and train, as compared with a modern streamlined diesel. The 5c purple, pictures the side-paddle wheel "City of Toronto" as compared to the steamship "Prince George," and the 7c blue, will feature a stagecoach and a "North Star" type of plane.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—The airmail values of the Spa series were apparently delayed, according to Aero Philatelist's News. This same source also questions whether souvenir sheets are to be a part of the issue.

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HUNGARY—For the Month of Friendship between Hungary and Russia two stamps were to have been issued, according to the World Telegram and Sun. A 60 filler shows the flags of the USSR and Hungary, with the former in the foreground. The 1.60ft. depicts a Stachanovist worker of Russia teaching his methods to Hungarians.

ICELAND—Jonas Hallgrimsson reports two stamps slated for May 13 release, to mark the 175th anniversary of postal service in Iceland. The values are 2 and 3kr., showing an aeroplane and a mailman delivering the mail.

ITALY—Dante S. Bolaffi and P. Ostrow have supplemented each other with specimens and details of three new stamps. One is a 20 lire, violet, showing the Ara Pacis, or Altar of Peace, dedicated at Redipulia Medea on May 6.

It will house a thousand urns containing a bit of dirt from each of Italy's war cemeteries. The other two actually mark the Milan Fair though two events are commemorated. The 20 lire brown marks the International Helicopter show, and the other, a 55 lire blue, celebrates the Fair itself and has a view of a building.

ITALY—Trieste—These same three stamps have been overprinted "AMG-FTT" for use in Trieste, according to D. S. Bolaffi.

SOMALILAND—The Crown Agents have been advised that the Rupees stamp, overprinted 2 shillings, have been released locally.

Hungarian Semipostals For Stamp Exhibition

The 80th anniversary of Hungary's first postage stamps will be marked with a set of three semipostals. Two of them will be issued as singles while the third will appear in the form of a souvenir sheet for airmail usage.

A 60 plus 60 filler, and a 1 plus 1 Forint will appear first. Then later the 2 plus 2 Forint sheet will appear. Surtaxes are to help defray the cost of a philatelic exhibition in Budapest.

News of the stamps came from the Hungaria Stamp Exchange of New York City.

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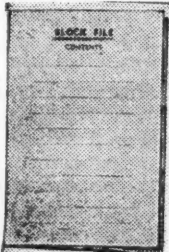
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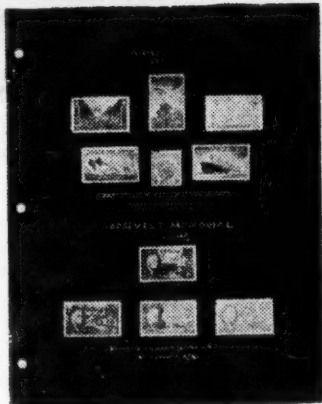


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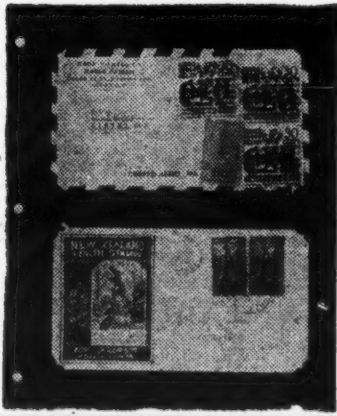
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New England ASDA Show In Boston

Final plans for the first Annual A.S.D.A. New England Postage Stamp Show to be held in the Dorothy Quincy Suite of the John Hancock Building, Berkeley and Stuart Streets in Boston, Mass., on May 18, 19, and 20, have been completed.

Exhibits to be seen in the Court of Honor are the following: (1) The U. S. Government Post Office Department Frames; (2) Selected portions of the exquisite collection of Cardinal Spellman of New York; (3) Complete frames of rare copies of U. S. 1851's, in commemoration of the Centennial of these famous stamps; (4) Some of the most interesting and rare stampless covers of early United States; (5) A masterpiece collection of early United States Covers.

Also of interest to the stamp collectors of this territory will be the priced frame exhibits in which the dealers will show the most interesting items from their respective stocks. These items will be priced and will be available for purchase. A complete variety of stamps, covers and rarities will be on display with items priced from 5c to \$5,000.00.

To Celebrate 21st Founding Anniversary

The Chicago Woman's Stamp Club is going to celebrate the 21st anniversary of its founding on May 22 with a dinner at the Toffenetti Restaurant. Attendance will not be confined to members of the club, other collectors and friends are invited to join in the dinner and evening's program.

On June 3 a novel program is planned when once again the club meets at Toffenetti's at 65 W. Monroe St. At that time members will show their other hobbies and give short talks about them to the fellow members.

This meeting will convene at 8 p. m.

Cachet For Waterloo Airport Dedication

Two days have been set aside for the dedication program when the Waterloo, Iowa municipal airport becomes officially opened to the public. The days are June 9 and 10.

A cachet will be applied to prepared covers of collectors which

bear a name and address and 6c in postage to prepay the airmail fee. Each envelope should include a stuffer as well.

Covers must be in the hands of the Cachet Committee, Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, Waterloo, Iowa by June 8. Cancellations will be available for both days, but collectors must make a request for such service.

New Officers At Helm For Evanston-New Trier

Roy M. Kirtland, 1305 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, Ill. has been elected to the presidency of the Evanston-New Trier Philatelic Society of that city.

Other officers are vice president Rev. Erwin A. Wendt; Karl A. Huemmer, secretary; and Armin E. Kraus, Jr., treasurer.

Membership of the group is made up of collectors in the communities in and around Wilmette.

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Brazilian Man Of Letters Honored

Brazil chose the actual 100th anniversary date of the birth of Sylvio Romero to issue a stamp in his honor. That was on April 21 when a commemorative stamp bearing a portrait of the humanist was released in a grayish black color with a denomination of 60c.



Romero was born in the State of Sergipe on April 21, 1851. In early life he showed evidences of the intellectual and social characteristics which were in later life to make him famous and to endear him to his countrymen. In Brazil's cultural history, Romero is remembered as a philosopher, folklorist, educator and writer. His books number more than a hundred with his History of Brazilian Literature being probably his best known.

For a number of years he held the chair of professor of philosophy at the Colegio Pedro II founded by the late emperor of Brazil on November 2, 1837.

A first day cover and news of the new stamp was received from Prof. F. M. da Motta, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Reds "Hoke" It Up On May Day Set Of Three

For May Day (May 1), considered the Communist "Fourth of July," Hungary issued a set of three stamps whose designs contained all the usual Red hokum.



This consists of flags, marching workers, marching soldiers, marching women, marching children, smiling workers, smiling soldiers, smiling women and smiling children.

XMAS SEALS

Regular Nat. Tuberculosis Assoc. seals. 32 diff. years mint singles \$ 1.00
32 diff. years mint block 4 3.50
32 diff. years S.E. singles50
Above run consecutively thru 1949

IMPERFORATED

6 diff. pairs 1936-39 & 1942-4350
6 diff. Blox 1936-39 & 1942-43 1.00

PROGRESSIVE COLORED PROOFS

5 diff. singles 1935, 7, 9, 40 & 4190
5 diff. pairs 1935, 7, 9, 40 & 41 2.50
1936 imperforated as well pairs50
1936 imperforated as well Blox90

LOCALS & FOREIGN

20 diff. scarce locals back to 192240
5 diff. Canada English before 49 2.50
20 diff. Canada French before 194980
Send for complete Xmas seal list

U. S. FIRST DAY COVERS

You can't beat this. All cacheted perfect and lightly pencil addressed 84 different 1st day covers, none after #985. All eighty-four covers \$ 7.95
All the 22 Air Mail 1st day covers issued between 6/25/41 & 8/25/49 only \$ 5.50
35 matched sets Pam. Amer. 1st day \$ 7.95
13 flag set 1st day Cachetcraft \$ 3.95

U. S. MINT O. G.

What a buy from Agency stock and as nice as they come. All of the commemoratives from #837 to 941 including complete set of 35 Pam. Amer. and 13 Flags. The 92 different \$ 7.50
Blox of 4 of the above 92 \$29.50
Pl. Blox of the above 92 \$70.00

U. S. MINIATURE SHEETS

#730 & 731 1c & 3c C. of Prog. both \$ 3.15
#750, 751 3c & 1c Parks both for 2.15
#735 Byrd & 778 Tipex both for 1.10
#797 SPA & 948 Clipex both for 1.30
All of the above 8 sheet for only \$ 6.50

DUCK STAMPS

RW1 1934 blue mint \$9.00; 2nd \$ 2.00
RW3 1936 black used \$1.25; 2nd90
RW4 1937 green mint \$4.25; 2nd75
RW5 1938 violet mint \$5.00; 2nd75
RW6 1939 chock used \$9c; 2nd65

ing children, plus a generous sprinkling of the Red Star and dream-like factories, and out-of-this-world housing (which it is).

Denominations of the three are 40 filler, 60f and 1 Forint. The extra gauge on collectors in the form of a small dab of imperforates was included.

News of the new issue came through the courtesy of Bela Bauer of New York City.

Inaugural Flights But No Cachets

Effective on or about May 15, 1951, air mail service will be inaugurated at Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City, N. Y., on route A. M. 71.

No official cachets for first-flight covers will be authorized

for Binghamton, Endicott, Johnson City, as cachets have previously been furnished for air mail service at these points. However, souvenir covers received by the postmasters at Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City will be dispatched to first flights, if practicable.

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